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SUBJECT: FRENCH VIEWS ON LAO POLITICS

QUAI DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR ASIA BOLLE TOLD EMBOFF NOVEMBER
5 THAT THE FRENCH AMBASSADOR IN VIENTIANE HAD RECENTLY
HAD A LONG, SEARCHING CONVERSATION WITH SOUPHANOUVONG.
THE FRENCH AMBASSADOR GOT A VERY FAVORABLE IMPRESSION OF
SOUPHANOUVONG, WHO APPEARED TO BE A STRONG, RATHER
PRAGMATIC NATIONALIST, NOT A COMMUNIST IDEOLOGUE. BOLLE
ADDED, APPARENTLY ON HIS OWN, THAT SOUPHANOUVONG WAS
PERHAPS ATTEMPTING TO MODERATE HIS IMAGE TO APPEAR A MORE
REASONABLE SUCCESSOR TO SOUVANNA RATHER THAN AS THE
COUNTER WEIGHT WHC KEEPS SOUVANNA FROM PULLING THE PGNU
TOO FAR TO THE RIGHT.
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